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TITLE: COLORIMETRIC DETERMINATION OF DEHYDROGENASES

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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A composition for the determination of a dehydrogenase enzyme in a test fluid which comprises a coenzyme selected from the group consisting of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, a corresponding substrate for said enzyme, a terminal acceptor dye and Meldola's Blue as an intermediary hydrogen carrier.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the terminal acceptor dye is selected from the group consisting of 2-(p-iodophenyl)-3(p-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl tetrazolium chloride 2-(p-iodophenyl)-3(p-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl tetrazolium bromide and 2-(p-iodophenyl)-3(p-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl tetrazolium iodide.
3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme being determined is lactic dehydrogenase and the substrate is lactic acid.
4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme being determined is glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase and the substrate is glucose-6-phosphate.
5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the enzyme being determined is 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase and the substrate is 6-phosphogluconate.
6. A test device for the determination of a dehydrogenase enzyme comprising a carrier with which is incorporated the composition of claim 1.
7. A test device according to claim 6 wherein the carrier is a bibulous paper.
8. A method for the determination of a dehydrogenase enzyme, which comprises contacting the fluid containing the enzyme with a predetermined proportion of a composition comprising a coenzyme selected from the group consisting of

dinucleotide and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, a corresponding substrate for said enzyme, a terminal acceptor dye and Meldola's Blue as an intermediary hydrogen carrier.

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